Recent orders of TRAI

3054. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of the financial implications for BSNL due to recent orders of TRAI during the last three months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such financial implications would adversely affect the future development plan of BSNL; and

(d) if so, in what way the BSNL proposes to overcome the financial impact of TRAI order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Sir, estimated financial implications of the recent TRAI orders for BSNL are as follows:

(i) Access Deficit Charge (ADC) has been reduced from Rs. 3200 crores to Rs. 2000 crores for the year 2007-08.

(ii) Port charges have been reduced by about Rs. 100 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As regards ADC, BSNL may be compelled to review its tariffs particularly in wire-line and rural telephony to overcome the financial impact due to reduction of ADC amount. BSNL has no way to overcome the financial impact due to reduction in port charges.

Submarine Cable Landing Station in West Bengal

3055. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1649 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 2006 and state:

(a) the present status of the implementation of the approved Submarine